

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 19, 2004. Claims 1 to 48, 55 and 56 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17 and 19 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1, 2, 6 to 8, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 56 have been allowed.

Claims 21, 22, 28 and 57 were objected to for informalities. In response, Claims 21, 22 and 28, together with Claim 34, have been amended along the lines suggested on page 2 of the final Office Action. In addition, Claim 57 has been cancelled without disclaimer of subject matter and without conceding the correctness of the objection.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

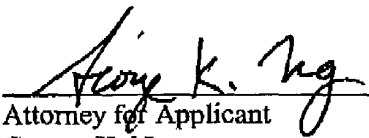
Claims 3 to 5, 9 to 14, 17, 18, 21 to 48, 55 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter. Specifically, on page 3, the final Office Action alleged that the specification does not provide support for the deletion, substitution or addition of "four bases". However, the final Office Action indicates that there is support in the specification for the deletion, substitution or addition of "one base". In response, Claims 3, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 55 have been amended to recite "deletion, substitution or addition of one base". In this regard, the amendments to Claims 3, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 55 were made without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, and simply to secure an earlier allowance.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph, rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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